

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached 5 replacement sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1 through 10. These replacement sheets, which include Figures 1 through 10, replace the original sheets including Figures 1 through 10. The amendments to the drawings include the renumbering of previously numbered reference characters such that the reference characters in the drawings now match up with those set forth in the detailed description of the preferred embodiment.

Attachment: 5 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 9 remain in the application. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1 and 9 are in independent form. Claim 9 has been added. Claims 5 through 8 were previously withdrawn.

The drawings have been amended to correct or delete certain reference characters. As a result, the reference characters in the drawings now match up completely with those set forth in the detailed description of the preferred embodiment. No new matter has been added to the drawings.

The specification has been amended to correct minor errors found therein. Applicant states that no new matter has been added to the specification.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent 4,535,336 to Shaver ("the '336 reference"). The '336 reference discloses an antenna luggage rack 12 secured to a roof 11 of a vehicle 10. The rack 12 includes a rectangular frame 13 having parallel left 14 and right 15 side rails, and front 16 and rear 17 cross rails. A conventional television transformer 45 is connected to the rectangular frame 13. More specifically, the transformer 45 includes a lead 46 secured in conductive relationship to one end of the left side rail 15 and another lead 47 secured in conductive relationship to the adjacent end of the rear cross rail 17. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1, as amended, claims a roof rack assembly including a frame member extending along the roof, and an electronic component at least partially housed within the frame member for receiving and transmitting signals to an interior portion of the motor vehicle. The '336 reference does not disclose an electronic component at least partially housed within a frame member. In the '336 reference, the transformer 45 is disposed along the top of the roof 11, as is

best shown by Figures 1 and 3, and is spaced apart from the rectangular frame 13. The transformer 45 is connected to the left side 15 and rear cross 17 rails of the rectangular frame 13 via the respective leads 46, 47. Thus, transformer 45 is not at least partially disposed within one of the side 14, 15 and cross 16, 17 rails of the rectangular frame 13. As a result, the '336 reference does not disclose an electronic component at least partially disposed within a frame member, as is specifically required by amended claim 1 of the above-captioned application.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 1, and claim 2 depending therefrom, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the '336 reference be withdrawn.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 1 through 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent 6,657,589 to Wang et al. ("the '589 reference"). The '589 reference discloses an antenna 10 including two low profile paraboloid linear reflector antenna assemblies 12, 14. A radome 300, shown in Figures 12 and 13, includes a forward facing wind intake 302, an air ramp 304, an impeller 306 coupled to a DC generator 310, and air exhaust 308. Mounting brackets 312, 314 disposed on opposite sides of the radome 300 clamp to a roof rail rack assembly, as shown at Figure 14. Security locks 316, 318 prevent the radome 300 from unauthorized removal.

Claim 1, as amended, claims a roof rack assembly including a frame member extending along the roof, and an electronic component at least partially housed within the frame member for receiving and transmitting signals to an interior portion of the motor vehicle. The '589 reference does not disclose an electronic component at least partially housed within a frame member. In the '589 reference, the radome 300 is spaced apart from the roof rail rack assembly, to which it is clamped. Thus, the radome 300 is not partially housed within the roof rail rack

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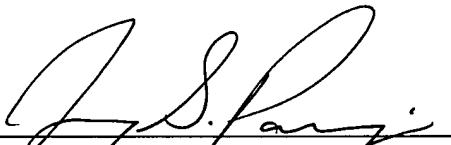
assembly. As a result, the '589 reference does not disclose an electronic component at least partially housed within a frame member, as is specifically required by amended claim 1 of the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 1, and claims 2 and 3 depending therefrom, under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the '589 reference be withdrawn.

Finally, Applicant has added claim 9, which incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 4 into claim 1 as originally filed. More specifically, new claim 9 claims a roof rack assembly including a frame member extending along the roof and a camera secured to said frame member for creating a digitized signal of a space disposed adjacent the motor vehicle.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in condition for more favorable consideration and allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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